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Caltrans Breaks Ground on Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane Project in San Mateo County

MENLO PARK – Caltrans, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) today broke ground for the next auxiliary lane to be built on Highway 101 in San Mateo County. The \$46 million project received \$33 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, and \$5 million in San Mateo County Measure A funds.

"This project is an example of how Caltrans is helping to deliver congestion relief to the people of California," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "The people voted for Proposition 1B because they wanted congestion relief, and we are delivering on that promise."

The new lanes will stretch from Marsh Road to University Avenue. Previously, Caltrans, SMCTA, and MTC built auxiliary lanes from Third Avenue north to Millbrae Avenue. Additional lanes are planned for University to Embarcadero and from Embarcadero to State Route 85. When all the lanes are finished, peak traffic commute time along the corridor should be shortened by nine minutes, resulting in an overall savings of 7,100 hours per day.

"The people of San Mateo County are to be congratulated for their vision and foresight in approving the half-cent sales tax that is helping to fund this important project. In this economic climate, this project would not be possible without Measure A," said Rosanne Foust, Chair, SMCTA.

"Caltrans has been diligently working with its partners in the Bay Area to deliver congestion relief while utilizing the Proposition 1B bond measure funding to its maximum level," stated Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director. "Our combined transportation and transit improvements are providing the Bay Area with commuting options that reduce congestion and our collective carbon footprint."

"Year after year, in good economic times and bad, the people of the Bay Area rank transportation as one of their highest priorities and biggest concerns. Voters have consistently proved this at the ballot box, by opting to dig into their own pockets to support smart projects





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like the Highway 101 auxiliary lanes," said Adrienne Tissier, San Mateo County Supervisor and MTC Chairperson.

To date, the state has allocated nearly \$8 billion in Proposition 1B funds.

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